(c) the action being taken to retain the special status of these persons as the State of Jammu and Kashmir does not consider them its citizens after they have remained out of the State for ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As intimated by the Government of J&K, the issue regarding return of Kashmiri migrants is on top of its agenda and they are in the process of finalising an action plan for early and safe return of the migrants to the Valley. Separately, a social interaction programme has been initiated under which some migrants have visited the Valley so as to pave the way for return to the Valley.

Task force escalates naxalite violence

†5516. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite violence has increased heavily after constitution of task force to stop it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the extent of area affected by the naxalite violence and naxalite influence has also increased these days;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is correct that the number of naxalities died in fake encounter has also increased; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Coordination Centre was set up in June 1998 comprising the Union Home Secretary and the Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the affected States. The Coordination Centre continues to assist the States and monitors the situation periodically. The overall law and order situation is under control.

(d) and (e) There are no reports to this effect.

Deployment of Assam rifles in NE

5517. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Rifles is deploying five Companies in every battalion for counter insurgency operation in Manipur; and

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